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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 989

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Celebrating the life of Ann Elizabeth Diggs Stancil.

Patron—Scott, D.

WHEREAS, Ann Elizabeth Diggs Stancil, a beloved mother and grandmother in Portsmouth and an active community leader who dedicated her life to the service of others, died on August 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, born in 1924, Ann Stancil grew up in Portsmouth, where she attended local public schools and graduated from I.C. Norcom High School with the Class of 1941; and

WHEREAS, after marrying her first husband, the late George Caviness, Sr., Ann Stancil relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to raise her family; she earned a reputation as a selfless neighbor who helped people in need in any way she could and inspired others through her perseverance and grace; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working for several retail stores, Ann Stancil volunteered her time with the Girls Scouts of the USA and the Brownies as a den mother; she proudly oversaw the creation of a father and daughter banquet that become a premier annual event; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Ann Stancil married her second husband, Albert Stancil, and returned to Portsmouth, where she became an active leader in the Cavalier Manor neighborhood; she volunteered with the neighborhood watch, joined the Portsmouth Community Relations and Civic League, and once prepared dinner for a neighborhood banquet that served 250 people; and

WHEREAS, Ann Stancil continued to work in retail in Portsmouth, earning several awards from Sears, Rices Nachmans, and Hess's at the former Tower Mall; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ann Stancil was an active member of the congregations of the First Baptist Church of Taylorsville and Zion Baptist Church, holding several leadership positions and serving on various ministries at both churches; and

WHEREAS, among her many good deeds, Ann Stancil accompanied elderly church members on trips, visited and shared meals with the sick, and mentored young people as a classroom aid for church day care programs; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her first husband, George; her second husband, Albert; and one daughter, Vessie, Ann Stancil will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Velda and George, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Ann Elizabeth Diggs Stancil, a highly admired resident of Portsmouth who touched countless lives through her kindness and generosity; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Ann Elizabeth Diggs Stancil as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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